

COUNTRY DATA: TURKEY: Information from the CIA World Factbook

INTRODUCTION

Modern Turkey was founded in 1923 from the Anatolian remnants of the defeated Ottoman Empire by national hero Mustafa KEMAL, who was later honored with the title Atatürk or "Father of the Turks." Under his authoritarian leadership, the country adopted wide-ranging social, legal, and political reforms. After a period of one-party rule, an experiment with multi-party politics led to the 1950 election victory of the opposition Democratic Party and the peaceful transfer of power. Since then, Turkish political parties have multiplied, but democracy has been fractured by periods of instability and intermittent military coups (1960, 1971, 1980), which in each case eventually resulted in a return of political power to civilians. In 1997, the military again helped engineer the ouster - popularly dubbed a "post-modern coup" - of the then Islamic-oriented government. Turkey intervened militarily on Cyprus in 1974 to prevent a Greek takeover of the island and has since acted as patron state to the "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus," which only Turkey recognizes. A separatist insurgency begun in 1984 by the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) - now known as the People's Congress of Kurdistan or Kongra-Gel (KGK) - has dominated the Turkish military's attention and claimed more than 30,000 lives. After the capture of the group's leader in 1999, the insurgents largely withdrew from Turkey mainly to northern Iraq. In 2004, KGK announced an end to its ceasefire and attacks attributed to the KGK increased. Turkey joined the UN in 1945 and in 1952 it became a member of NATO. In 1964, Turkey became an associate member of the European Community. Over the past decade, it has undertaken many reforms to strengthen its democracy and economy; it began accession membership talks with the European Union in 2005.

GEOGRAPHY

Location	Southeastern Europe and Southwestern Asia (that portion of Turkey west of the Bosphorus is geographically part of Europe), bordering the Black Sea, between Bulgaria and Georgia, and bordering the Aegean Sea and the Mediterranean Sea, between Greece and Syria
Area	783,562 sq km
Climate	temperate; hot, dry summers with mild, wet winters; harsher in interior
Natural Resources	coal, iron ore, copper, chromium, antimony, mercury, gold, barite, borate, celestite (strontium), emery, feldspar, limestone, magnesite, marble, perlite, pumice, pyrites (sulfur), clay, arable land, hydropower
Total Renewable Water Resources	234 cu km (2003)
Freshwater Withdrawal	total: 39.78 cu km/yr (15%/11%/74%) per capita: 544 cu m/yr (2001)
Natural Hazards	severe earthquakes, especially in northern Turkey, along an arc extending from the Sea of Marmara to Lake Van volcanism: Turkey experiences little volcanic activity; its three historically active volcanoes; Ararat, Nemrut Dagi, and Tendurek Dagi have not erupted since the 19th century or earlier
Environmental Issues	party to: Air Pollution, Antarctic Treaty, Biodiversity, Climate Change, Desertification, Endangered Species, Hazardous Wastes, Ozone Layer Protection, Ship Pollution, Wetlands signed, but not ratified: Environmental Modification

PEOPLE

Population	77,804,122 (July 2010 est.)
Ethnic Groups	Turkish 70-75%, Kurdish 18%, other minorities 7-12% (2008 est.)
Religions	Muslim 99.8% (mostly Sunni), other 0.2% (mostly Christians and Jews)
Languages	Turkish (official), Kurdish, other minority languages
Literacy Rate	87.4%
Major Infectious Diseases	NA
GOVERNMENT	
Type	republican parliamentary democracy
Independence	29 October 1923 (successor state to the Ottoman Empire)
Constitution	7 November 1982; amended 17 May 1987, 1995, 2001, 2007 and 2010; note - amendment passed by referendum concerning presidential elections on 21 October 2007
Legal System	civil law system derived from various European continental legal systems; note - member of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR), although Turkey claims limited derogations on the ratified European Convention on Human Rights; has not accepted compulsory ICJ jurisdiction
ECONOMY	
Agricultural Products	tobacco, cotton, grain, olives, sugar beets, hazelnuts, pulse, citrus; livestock
Industries	textiles, food processing, autos, electronics, mining (coal, chromate, copper, boron), steel, petroleum, construction, lumber, paper
Import commodities	machinery, chemicals, semi-finished goods, fuels, transport equipment
Import Partners	Russia 13.99%, Germany 10.01%, China 9%, US 6.09%, Italy 5.45%, France 5.03% (2009)
Export Commodities	apparel, foodstuffs, textiles, metal manufactures, transport equipment
Export Partners	Germany 9.58%, France 6.08%, UK 5.79%, Italy 5.77%, Iraq 5.02% (2009)
Per Capita GDP	\$11,500 (2009 est.)
Population below poverty line	17.11% (2008)

*CITATIONS: All information included above is extracted from the CIA World Factbook except where noted.

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General	
Life Expectancy at Birth (in years)	72.2 years
Average number of years in School (in years)	6.5 years
Gross National Income Per Capita (In US Dollars)	\$13,359
Gender Inequality	
Female Seats in Parliament (%)	9.1%
Population with at least a Secondary Education Female (% Of 25 and older)	27.1%
Population with at least a Secondary Education Male (% Of 25 and older)	46.8%
Labor Force Participation Female (%)	26.9%
Labor Force Participation Male (%)	74.6%
Births Attended by Skilled Health Professionals (%)	83%
Poverty	
Population surviving on \$1.25 per day (%)	2.6%
Empowerment	
Number of Journalists Imprisoned	1
Corruption Victims (% of people who face a bribe situation in the last year)	13%
Political Engagement (% percent of people who voiced opinion to public officials)	12%

Sustainability	
Fossil Fuels as Primary Energy Source (%)	90%
Renewable Resources as Primary Energy Source (%)	10%
Population without Access to Water (%)	1%
Population Without Access to Sanitation Services (%)	10%
Population affected by natural disasters (% between 2000-2009)	.1%
Human Security	
Number of Refugees leaving this country	214,400
Number of Internally Displaced People in This Country	954,000-1,200,000
Prevalence of Undernourishment (%)	<5%
Demographics	
Urban Residents (% of total Population)	69.7%
Health	
HIV Prevalence in Female Youth (% ages 15-24)	NA
HIV Prevalence in Male Youth (% ages 15-24)	NA
HIV Prevalence in Adults (% ages 15-49)	NA
Other	
Official Development Assistance Per Capita (in US dollars)	\$27.40
Population without Electricity (%)	NA

Turkey's Public Expenditure

